

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 500

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend David Ward Tipton on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Ward Tipton of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, appointed in 1988 as an original member of the first Tennessee State Veterans Home Board, David Ward Tipton is taking a well deserved retirement after serving 18 years as a board member, having been appointed by four different Governors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his State; and

WHEREAS, admired and respected by his fellow board members for his experience and wisdom, Mr. Tipton served both the Personnel and Finance Committees as Chairman and played a key role in the establishment and construction of the Murfreesboro Veterans Home in 1990-91, the Humboldt Veterans Home in 1995-96, the Knoxville Veterans Home in 2006, and the twenty-bed unit additions to both the Humboldt and Murfreesboro Veterans Homes; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to helping his fellow veterans, David Ward Tipton has served as a member of the Veterans Board for Mountain Home Veterans Hospital, Commander of the Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and as the VFW Commander of the Bluff City Post; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton 's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, David Ward Tipton is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man and beloved husband of the late Bernice Tipton, David Ward Tipton enjoys the love and support of his son David Tipton and his wife Ann, and his daughter and her husband, Judy and Bobby Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend David Ward Tipton for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a member of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.